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Medical experts debunk COVID-19 vaccine misinformation

Michigan reported 61,235 new cases of COVID-19 and 298 virus-related deaths last Wednesday -- an average of 12,929 cases over a two-day period, a new state record for daily cases, in the final data update of 2021. The total number of confirmed COVID cases in Michigan to 1,568,573, including 27,286 deaths. These numbers are up from 1,481,480 cases and 26,650 deaths.

As Michigan continues to record high numbers of COVID-19 cases, new data from the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) proves that the majority of Michigan residents severely sick with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and MHA are pleading with residents to get vaccinated for their own health, the safety of local health care personnel, and to avoid additional strain on health care systems already struggling to respond.

Rising COVID positivity rates have prompted Beaumont Health to take additional steps to protect inpatients, staff and visitors at all eight Beaumont Health hospitals, including Beaumont Wayne.

Beaumont will continue to welcome one support person/visitor each day, regardless of vaccination status, for patients who do not have COVID-19 and are also not suspected of having COVID-19. However, under the new guidelines, the support person cannot alternate with other people throughout the day without receiving prior approval from clinical leadership. This includes postpartum patients. The new guidelines became effective last week.

"The data is clear: if you are unvaccinated, you are risking hospitalization or death," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "We have a safe and effective vaccine that is quite literally saving lives. Michigan residents absolutely need to get vaccinated to keep their loved ones safe this holiday."

Based on recent data from most Michigan health systems, MHA has found that three out of four COVID patients are unvaccinated (76 percent), 87 percent of COVID ICU patients are unvaccinated and 88 percent of COVID ventilator patients are unvaccinated.

> *The most significant deterrent to vaccinations, experts said, is the misinformation and myths...*

"Michigan's health care systems are stretched beyond their limits - so much so that the U.S. Department of Defense is providing clinical staffing support to hospitals throughout the state that are operating at capacity, delaying nonemergency medical procedures and placing their emergency departments on diversion," said Brian Peters, CEO of MHA. "This data confirms what the situation in our hospitals is already telling us: get vaccinated, whether it is your first dose, vaccination for your children or a booster dose."

The most significant deterrent to vaccinations, experts said, is the misinformation and myths being perpetrated as "urban legends" about the vaccine. The Center for Disease Control recently issued a statement debunking many of the most common errors about the vaccine.

MYTH: The ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are dangerous.

FACT: Nearly all the ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are also ingredients in many foods - fats, sugars, and salts. Exact vaccine ingredients vary by manufacturer. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines also contain messenger RNA (mRNA) and the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine contains a harmless version of a virus unrelated to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Despite current rumors and misinformation, COVID-19 vaccines do not contain ingredients like preservatives, tissues (like aborted fetal cells), antibiotics, food proteins, medicines, latex, or metals.

MYTH: The natural immunity I get from being sick with COVID-19 is better than the immunity I get from COVID-19 vaccination.

FACT: Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is a safer and more dependable way to build immunity to COVID-19 than getting sick with COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination causes a more predictable immune response than infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine gives most people a high level of protection against COVID-19 and can provide added protection for people who already had COVID-19. One study showed that, for people who already had COVID-19, those who do not get vaccinated after their recovery are more than twice as likely to get COVID-19 again than those who get fully vaccinated after their recovery.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines cause variants.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Instead, COVID-19 vaccines can help prevent new variants from emerging.

New variants of a virus happen because the virus that causes COVID-19 constantly changes through a natural ongoing process of mutation (change). As the virus spreads, it has more opportunities to change. High vaccination coverage in a population reduces the spread of the virus and helps prevent new variants from emerging.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines contain microchips.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines do not contain microchips. Vaccines are developed to fight against disease and are not administered to track your movement.

Vaccines work by stimulating your immune system to produce antibodies, exactly like it would if you were exposed to the disease. After getting vaccinated, you develop immunity to that disease, without having to get the disease first.

MYTH: Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine can make you magnetic.

FACT: Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will not make you magnetic, including at the site of vaccination which is usually your arm.

COVID-19 vaccines do not contain ingredients that can produce an electromagnetic field at the site of your injection. All COVID-19 vaccines are free from metals.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States shed or release their components.

FACT: Vaccine shedding is the release or discharge of any of the vaccine components in or outside of the body and can only occur when a vaccine contains a live weakened version of the virus.

None of the vaccines authorized for use in the U.S. contain a live virus. mRNA and viral vector vaccines are the two types of currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines available.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines can alter my DNA.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

Both messenger RNA (mRNA) and viral vector COVID-19 vaccines work by delivering instructions (genetic material) to our cells to start building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19.

After the body produces an immune response, it discards all the vaccine ingredients just as it would discard any information that cells no longer need. This process is a part of normal body functioning.

MYTH: A COVID-19 vaccine can make me sick with COVID-19.

FACT: Because none of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19, the vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccine will make me sterile

Officials also noted that despite the urban legends, the vaccine has no impact on sterility or sexual function and is safe for pregnant women and those wishing to become pregnant.

Romulus - Sumpter

Trustees OK purchase of odor remediation system

The new year should be much more pleasant for residents and visitors near Sumpter and Willis roads in Sumpter Township where the main pump house for the sewer system is located.

Members of the board of trustees approved the recommendation of DPW Director John Danci to purchase a Bio Air System for odor remediation at the site at a cost not to exceed $98,552.73, during the Dec. 14 meeting. Trustees wanted to be sure that the expense would provide the odor and corrosion control needed in the area which has been the subject of complaints from residents for years.

Danci explained that the one-year warranty on the system was an industry standard but that the township had the option of extending the guarantee. He said the odor control would be a non-issue "as soon as we get the hydrogen sulfide levels back down to where they are supposed to be." He said reducing those chemical levels would also "take care of the corrosion" experienced at the site.

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Trustee Don Laporte inquired as to the life of the new Bio Air System and Danci said that the township should not have to rebuild the system "ever again." He said the new system is "supposed to handle the problem indefinitely."

LaPorte said his concern was that "another board in 10 or 15 years is doing the same thing."

Trustee, and recently appointed deputy supervisor, Tim Rush said that the township had already funded major work at the corner caused by the corrosive effects of the hydrogen sulfide.

"Hydrogen sulfide is nasty, highly corrosive. Between rebuilding the control panel and pit work, we have spent about $130,000 already," he told the board members.

Supervisor Tim Bowman expressed some concern that the contract required the township to provide materials for the system which Danci explained were specifications in the contract prior to his employment.

"The bid is for exactly what we need for the site," Danci said.

The contract for the odor remediation and control system was approved by a unanimous vote of the board members.

Council members recognize, thank local good Samaritans

Members of the Romulus City Council used the last meeting of 2021 to thank members of the community for their generosity during the holidays.

Council member Tina Talley publicly thanked John Osbourne of Osbourne Concrete in the city for his "generous holiday bundles" which were donated to area residents. Talley said the bundles were "amazing" and that Osbourne and his staff were "truly a blessing" in the community. She said that Osbourne also donated gift bundles to the Romulus Ministerial Alliance for donation to local families during the holiday season and that this year, Osbourne doubled the number of gifts provided.

"They are a true blessing," Talley said and urged residents who might encounter Osbourne to thank him for his generosity.

> *He's a very private man and doesn't brag about what he is doing, he just does it.*

Councilwoman Eva Webb also expressed her appreciation to Mayor Robert McCraight whom she said had donated a large number of turkeys to local families during the holiday season.

"He has helped so many families," she said. "He's a very private man and doesn't brag about what he is doing, he just does it," she said, "and I just want to thank him." Webb also thanked fellow council member Virginia Williams who was absent from the meeting.

"Virginia Williams also gave out turkeys," Webb said. "I love it when people do so much good" for residents, she added.

Council President John Barden noted that the generous spirit the officials and Osbourne demonstrated were "what Romulus is all about. Getting along, helping people." He said that the ability of the community members to help one another contributes to the ability of the city to function and thanked those who contributed generously to help others during the holidays.

McCraight, during his report, said that he wanted to call the attention of the residents to the first responders in the city who were working and away from their families during the holidays. He reminded the public that calls for service during these weeks could be very emotional times for both police, fire and EMTs in the city. McCraight also thanked the participants in the Wreaths Across America program which honored deceased veterans and noted than Romulus participation had increased again this year, reminding the public of the service of veterans to the country.

Mayor Robert McCraight

Trustee, clerk question contract

Members of Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a final payment of $16,720.30 to former Township Administrator Michelle Cole who resigned last month to take another job.

The final payment was for accrued vacation and personal time Cole had earned until her last day on the job at the rate of $45.19 per hour. That amount is about half what Cole negotiated with the trustees to provide help as an independent contractor until a replacement is hired. Cole and the trustees agreed to a rate of $95 per hour for her services not to exceed eight hours a week, although Trustee Don LaPorte and Clerk Esther Hurst voted no on the agreement.

LaPorte noted that promised lists of contacts and current projects was not forthcoming from Cole as promised and Hurst explained that she did not receive information she needed from Cole in a timely manner. Hurst said she took other steps to ensure that she had the correct contact and contract information to perform the duties that have been transferred to the clerk's office in Cole's absence.

LaPorte was vocal in his criticism of Cole's failure to provide the information despite her repeated assurances to trustees and officials that she would be available and was willing to help.

"We need to understand what is going on with these projects," LaPorte said. He added that Cole had not provided the information by the time she said she would and that, as she was due to be in township hall the next day, "If she can't provide this tomorrow, we don't need her services," he said. He reiterated that he felt Cole had provided short notice of her departure and that the township was left unprepared on several issues.

"We can move forward without her," LaPorte said. Sources said that while Cole did provide the promised list of contacts and ongoing projects the next day, the work was "incomplete."

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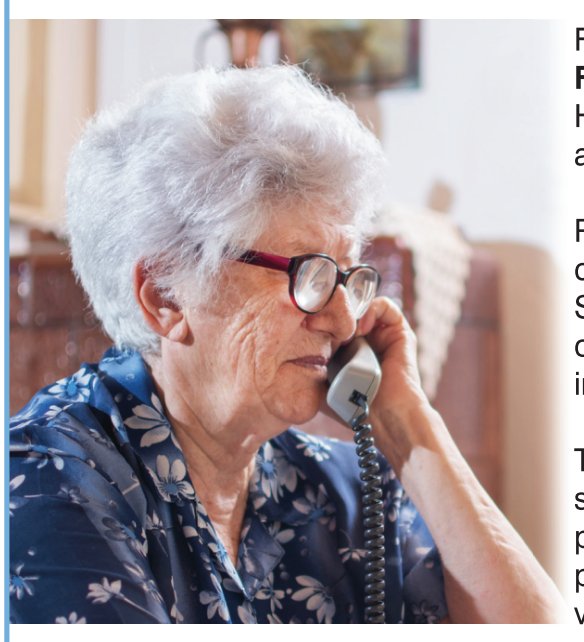

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Regular (Study Session) Meeting 11/2/2021: Synopsis: 2022 & 2023 Budget Presentation
Regular Meeting 11/9/2021: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular (Study Session) Meeting 11/16/2021: Review of Progress: Organizational Assessment Recommendations
Regular Meeting 11/23/2021: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular (Study Session) Meeting 11/30/2021: Synopsis: Update on Board Goals

Copies of the complete Board minutes can be found for free at www.canton-mi.org. Minutes can also be viewed or copied at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI during normal business hours. Call 734-394-5120 for more information. CN2331 - 010621 2.5 x 1.618

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NORTHVILLE

Northville officials mark year-long progress

In a recent report to residents, Northville city officials detailed the improvements made in the community during 2021.

"From new roads and water mains to LED lighting and expanded EV charging stations, there were impressive improvements made to the city infrastructure in 2021. Pair that with operational advances - such as a tree inventory, resetting water rates with GLWA for cost savings, and a crime dashboard for greater police transparency - and you can see that this city of 6,000 residents is riding a wave of progress," the published report state.

City officials finalized and adopted the Historic District Study Report and the Master Plan update to three subareas. The first report added Ford Field to the Northville Historic District, which reflects the heritage of the site as a public gathering space. The second report - the updated Master Plan - guides development and redevelopment of new housing, commercial properties and public places, while retaining the historic character of the city. It addresses city life such as density, parking, and green space, and works in tandem with city ordinances, according to the report.

Three task forces submitted comprehensive reports to members of the Northville City Council on ways to enhance Ford Field and the Rouge river and tributaries, and presented plans for a new home for the Farmers' Market.

Progress on development at Northville Downs included the presentation of a revised concept plan by Hunter Pasteur Homes. The new plan, presented to members of the planning commission, features parks, a daylighted river, and fewer housing units than the original site plan. A preliminary site plan - with revisions based on input from the planning commissioners, city officials, residents and others - was submitted to the city in mid-December and will be on the meeting agenda early this year.

In addition, planning commissioners conditionally approved the final site plan for the construction of a new three-story building at 456 E. Cady with 79 apartments and a first-floor commercial section anchored by a specialty market. The first steps will include the demolition of existing buildings and environmental clean-up.

Residents have already begun moving into the luxury North 320 condos with front doors facing North Center. Eight units of the first building have been completed while work remains to be done on the sidewalk. A second eight-unit building faces the

Randolph Drain.

An old, one-story building was removed from the corner of Dunlap and Center to make way for the new two-story, luxury condominium building with a first-floor restaurant. The adjacent Tuscan Café moved into a new building next to the Marquis Theater on Main, opening another commercial space on North Center, officials said.

In November, developers Andrew Daily, of Northville, and Alex de Parry, of Ann Arbor Builders, marked the start of construction of The Delano - six luxury condominiums and first-floor retail at 106 East Cady.

Other changes in 2021 included the installation of 270 LED light fixtures at the water tower, Northville Yards, and parking lots and structures. The cost savings, estimated at $34,000 annually, will be shared with the LED installer, nonprofit Energy Reduction Coalition, of Ann Arbor.

While COVID-19 forced access to city hall to an appointment only status as staff members worked from home, 3,100 vaccines were administered to city and township residents during a vaccination clinic at Schoolcraft College.

Officials, including new council members Andrew Krenz and John Carter along with Mayor Pro tem Barbara Moroski-Browne approved an updated code of ordinances for construction sites. Mayor Brian Turnbull, who was unopposed for his second term, said the construction sites will be monitored regularly aby staff from the building department.

Parks and Recreation Department staff moved into renovated offices and community space at Hillside Middle School, which finished years-long renovations. The new Hillside Recreation Center includes a newly-finished gym floor; new bathrooms near the gym; spacious, well-lit offices; a large activity room; a large parking lot and updated landscaping.

In addition, Downtown Development Authority officials contracted with a Detroit firm to bring 10 new electric vehicle charging stations to the city at three locations.

Officials said that downtown streets that are part of the social district will remain closed to traffic until Nov. 7, this year to study the second-year impact on businesses, residents and others as the effects of COVID-19 fluctuates.

Civilian Life Saving Award presented by township

Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel honored Heather Brown with a Civilian Life Saving Award at the regular meeting of the board of trustees last month.

Brown was honored for her life-saving actions while participating in a race recently at Maybury State Park when she witnessed another runner collapse in front of her. Brown, an oncology nurse with Michigan Medicine, determined the man was in cardiac arrest and while another runner dialed 911, began CPR. Northville Township Police arrived on the scene and officers defibrillated the patient using the AED in the patrol vehicle. When township paramedics arrived on the scene, they continued patient care while transporting him to Ascension Providence Park in Novi.

Siegel called the patient's family the following day to determine his condition and eight days later the patient, Daniel Prather, personally returned the chief's call.

Siegal commented that community heroes, in collaboration with the Northville Township Public Safety team, are the reason Northville Township has a cardiac arrest survival rate that is three times the rest of the state and country.

Siegel presented Brown with the award commenting that she had saved a complete stranger's life and without her immediate action, the outcome for the patient might have been substantially different.

Garden Club meetings set

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will resume meetings beginning at 11 a.m. at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

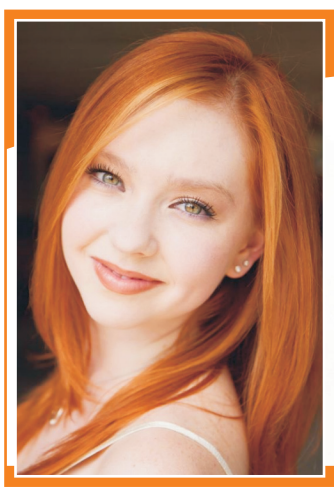
Speakers begin at 11:30 a.m. following a short business meeting and refreshments.

The next meeting is set for March 2. 5 with speaker Carolyn Paten who will discuss Dow Gardens, a 110- acre botanical garden founded in 1899 in Midland, which features nature trails, a children's garden, and many flowering plant beds. It features the longest canopy walk in the country.

The church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The Country Garden Club of Northville is a non-profit organization founded in 1977 and members are dedicated to community improvement through service, conservation and education.

For more information, contact the group at cgcnorthville@gmail.com.



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WESTLAND

Honorable goal

Members of the City of Westland Police Honor Guard are hoping to represent the city in Washington, DC during National Police Week. The group will march and perform details in honor of fallen officers across the nation and will be part of the official Wreath Laying Ceremony. In an effort to fund their appearance, the group is currently making Westland Police Department Honor Guard Challenge Coins available for a small donation. To purchase a Westland Police Department Honor Guard Challenge coin, access: https://wlpdcommunitypartnership.square.site/ To learn more about the National Police Week Honor Guard Exhibition, visit: https://www.police-weekhonorguard.com/ The Westland Police Honor Guard will faithfully, "Bring Honor To Those Who Serve, And Have Given The Ultimate Sacrifice," noted a posting on social media announcing the fundraising effort.

'Rumors' to be presented at Westland Inspire Theatre

Inspire Theatre in Westland is lunging into the new year with a redux of master playwright Neil Simon's Rumors. Set in an upscale New York suburb, Rumors is a romp through a farcical evening of mayhem, mischief, and mistaken identities, according to Inspire Theatre Managing Director Len Fisher.

Ken and Chris Gorman, played by Inspire Theatre first-timers Steve Sedore and Leanne Young of Plymouth and South Lyon, respectively, arrive first at the home of Deputy New York City Mayor Charlie Brock and his wife, Myra, to attend their 10th wedding anniversary celebration. They soon discover, however, that there is no household staff, the hostess is missing, and the deputy mayor has shot himself in the head (it's only a flesh wound). Comic complications arise when they decide to protect their upper-class status at all costs and conceal the evening's events from the local police and media. Also new to Inspire Theatre productions, Shayne Beasley-Young of Farmington Hills joins Inspire veteran Sonya Artman of Plymouth to portray Lenny and Claire Ganz, whose characters introduce more gossip into the evening with their appearance.

Furthering the shenanigans are returning Inspire regulars David Zolotarchuk of Ypsilanti, Pat Rodgers of Novi, Courtney Nixon of Farmington, and Mike Whitcher and Bailey Hansen of Westland. Rounding out the ensemble is newcomer Mike Stec of Wyandotte.

Inspire Theatre first presented Rumors in the spring of 2012. Fisher said he has wanted to revive the show for the last few years but the timing didn't seem right. However, coming out of the pandemic shutdown, he said he feels now is the "perfect opportunity to start afresh and take an updated look at some of the classics from past seasons. I love farces. (This season includes two farces.) It's ridiculous fun to allow actors to push the limits of absurdness. And our audiences enjoy watching the cast enjoying themselves onstage," he added.

Rumors opens Jan. 14 and continues for three weekends. Tickets are $17 and can be purchased online at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com or by calling the ticket office at (734) 751-7057. Inspire Theatre is located inside the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, Westland.

The play contains language inappropriate for children under 13, Fisher cautioned.

Due to the uncertainty of the times and in order to protect the safety of the cast, crew, and patrons, at this time, all attendees are required to have been fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 coronavirus. Mask wearing is required while attending performances.

McConnell named as Chief Judge at 18th District Court

Judge Mark A. McConnell has been appointed Chief Judge of the 18th District Court in Westland for a two-year term. The announcement of McConnell's promotion came from the Michigan Supreme Court offices.

McConnell was first elected to the bench in 2008, and reelected in 2014 and 2020. Prior to his election to the court, he was an associate attorney with Angelo A. Plakas and Associates, P.C., from 1995. He was a research attorney with the Michigan Court of Appeals for two years after graduating with honors from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1993. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Bowling Green State University.

The 18th District Court adjudicates civil cases with amounts in controversy less than $25,000, landlord tenant cases, misdemeanor criminal cases from arraignment to sentencing and felony criminal cases from arraignment to preliminary examination. Along with Judge

Judge Mark McConnell

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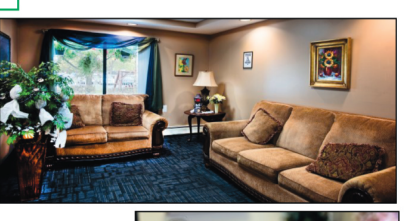

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INKSTER - WAYNE

Attack leaves 2 Inkster toddlers in critical condition

Two young children remain in critical condition following a New Years Day attack in a home of Grandview Street in Inkster.

Police were called to the home at about 7:30 a.m. Jan. 1 by a 911 caller who requested a well-being check on two children known to be in the home. When responding officers arrived at the home, which is near Middlebelt Road and Avondale, they received no response to repeated knocks and calls requesting response. While walking around outside the home, the officers reported hearing a child crying, and used force to enter the house.

According to Inkster Assistant Police Chief Bill Ratliff, the officers found two toddlers, a boy and a girl, suffering from obvious physical injuries described as severe to their necks and throats. The young boy was unresponsive when discovered by officers, but was resuscitated by CPR administered by the officers at the scene.

Officers also confronted an adult woman in the home and a struggle ensued, according to police reports, before she was taken into custody by officers.

Both children were hospitalized and remained in critical condition. The boy was reportedly air-lifted to Children's Hospital in Detroit for further treatment.

Police said the relationship of the woman to the children remains unknown but that the investigation into the situation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call the Inkster Police Department at (313) 563-9850.

SOLD

12 houses at former Kiwanis Park site are already purchased

Twelve of the 22 homes planned at the former Kiwanis Park in Wayne have already been sold, according to a recent social media post from officials.

Infinity Homes, developer of the project, is currently constructing houses on John Street, near the intersection of Annapolis and Howe in the city. According to Rino Soave, owner of Infinity Homes, this is the first project in the City of Wayne. He said his company "does a fair amount of work right across the road in Romulus-we've probably built well over 350 homes in Romulus in the last seven or eight years," he said during a Wayne City Council meeting last fall.

Soave said Infinity Homes specializes in houses for first-time and upgrade buyers, and said the Kiwanis development will be affordable. "Our market interest is under $300,000, that's what we're pretty waded into," Soave told the members of the city council. "So, this will pretty much fall right into that niche." Soave said he expects the highway access and everything downtown Wayne has to offer will make the space attractive to potential residents, as well.

Members of the council also approved an 18-month agreement with Infinity Homes to develop the spaces formerly known as Sue Winn Park, Vandenberg School and Angelo Demario Park during the October meeting.

"We're really excited to be bringing a new development of housing to the City of Wayne," Soave said. "I think the city has been really welcoming to us."

Wayne District Court is awarded grant for kiosk

Making payments to the 29th District Court in the City of Wayne will soon become much more convenient.

The court was recently awarded a grant from the Michigan State Police which will fund the construction and installation of a kiosk outside the court building on Sims Street. The grant, was awarded in the amount of $18,016, according to a prepared statement from the court and the kiosk will allow contactless and after-hours payments due the court.

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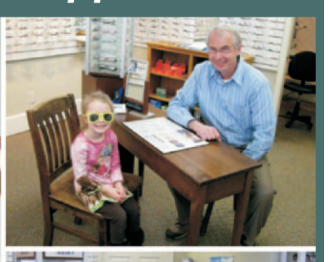

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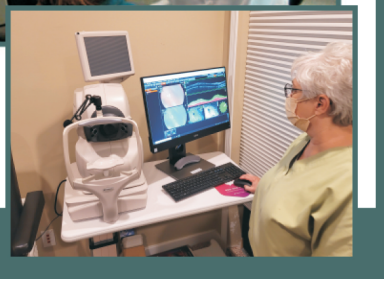

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Canton - Plymouth

Condo project at Courthouse Grill site OK'd

A futuristic design at the site of a beloved tradition in Plymouth will include a monument to the long history of the property.

The Hillside Inn, which started as a farmhouse barbeque on Plymouth Road before evolving into the premier area restaurant, became Ernesto's and then The Courthouse Grille where rites of passage and family celebrations took place for decades. The property was sold about two years ago and last month members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved plans for a new apartment complex at the site. The current structure, which is filled with family memories of special events which took place there, will be demolished to make way for the new 120-unit apartment building.

The apartment complex will be constructed with two tiers of parking beneath the residential units according to Mark Abanatha, representing developer Alexander Bogaerts & Associates.

He told members of the board that a historic marker will be placed at the site to commemorate the iconic importance of the site to area residents.

Abanatha said the complex would include both one- and two-bedroom apartments, with the smaller units of 736 to 840 square feet while the two-bedroom units would be about 1,100 square feet. Rental fees are currently estimated at about $2 per square foot, he said.

"This is a class A project from a standpoint of the amenities it will offer," said Abanatha. He said the apartment units would be most attractive to empty nesters and millennials, but were not limited to those groups. Amenities, he said, will be onsite car and dog washes, two rooftop gathering spaces and physical fitness facilities.

Abanatha said the design style of the proposed building reduces the "footprint" of the building and also reduces the need to remove area trees and conserves green space at the site.

The plan was unanimously approved.

Community spirit

Members of the Canton Township Public Safety Department have been busy this holiday season giving back to the community. The police department partnered with Target for the annual Heroes and Helpers event. Officers shopped for several families around the community to bring a bit more joy to their holiday season. Canton police officers also participated in the Salvation Army annual Red Kettle Campaign and K9 Ofc. Tino helped fellow officers ring the bell for this great cause. Officers and Police Explorers collected winter clothing and distributed coats, hats and loves at Open Door Ministries. Members of the Canton Fire Department and Canton Police Department teamed up with Canton Leisure Services to escort Santa around the community in their second annual "Santa is coming to Your Town" event. Their first stop was Canton Place where Santa visited with residents and sang Christmas carols with them.

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